

## REMARKS

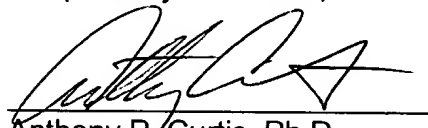
Claims 1-28 were pending. Claims 1-4, 6-17 and 19-28 were rejected in the Office action and Claims 5 and 18 objected to. The Examiner indicated that Claim 5 recited allowable subject matter. The Applicants have amended Claim 1 to incorporate the subject matter of Claim 5, thus obviating the objection. Claim 18 has been amended to be dependent thereon. Claim 20 has also been amended and new claim 31 presented, incorporating the subject matter of Claim 5. New dependent claims 29-30 and 32-34 are presented. Claim 5 has been cancelled. Claim 27 has been amended to correct an informality. Claims 18, 21 and 25 have been amended to conform their wording to be dependent on amended Claims 1 and 20.

Claims 2, 18-19, and 21-30, being dependent on, and further limiting, now allowable Claims 1 and 20 are, without more, allowable. Claim 31 and Claims 3-4, 6-17 and 33-34, which are dependent thereon, are allowable for the reasons presented above. No new matter has been introduced. Claims 1-4 and 6-34 are pending after entry of this amendment.

The Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance and request that a Notice of Allowance be promptly issued.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned in the event that a telephone interview would expedite consideration of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Anthony P. Curtis', is written over a horizontal line.

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